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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

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This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 1, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period of one month for reply, making any response due by April 1, 2006.

**REMARKS**

As originally filed, the present application presented claims 1 through 31 for examination. This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 1, 2006, requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of the instant application to one of

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